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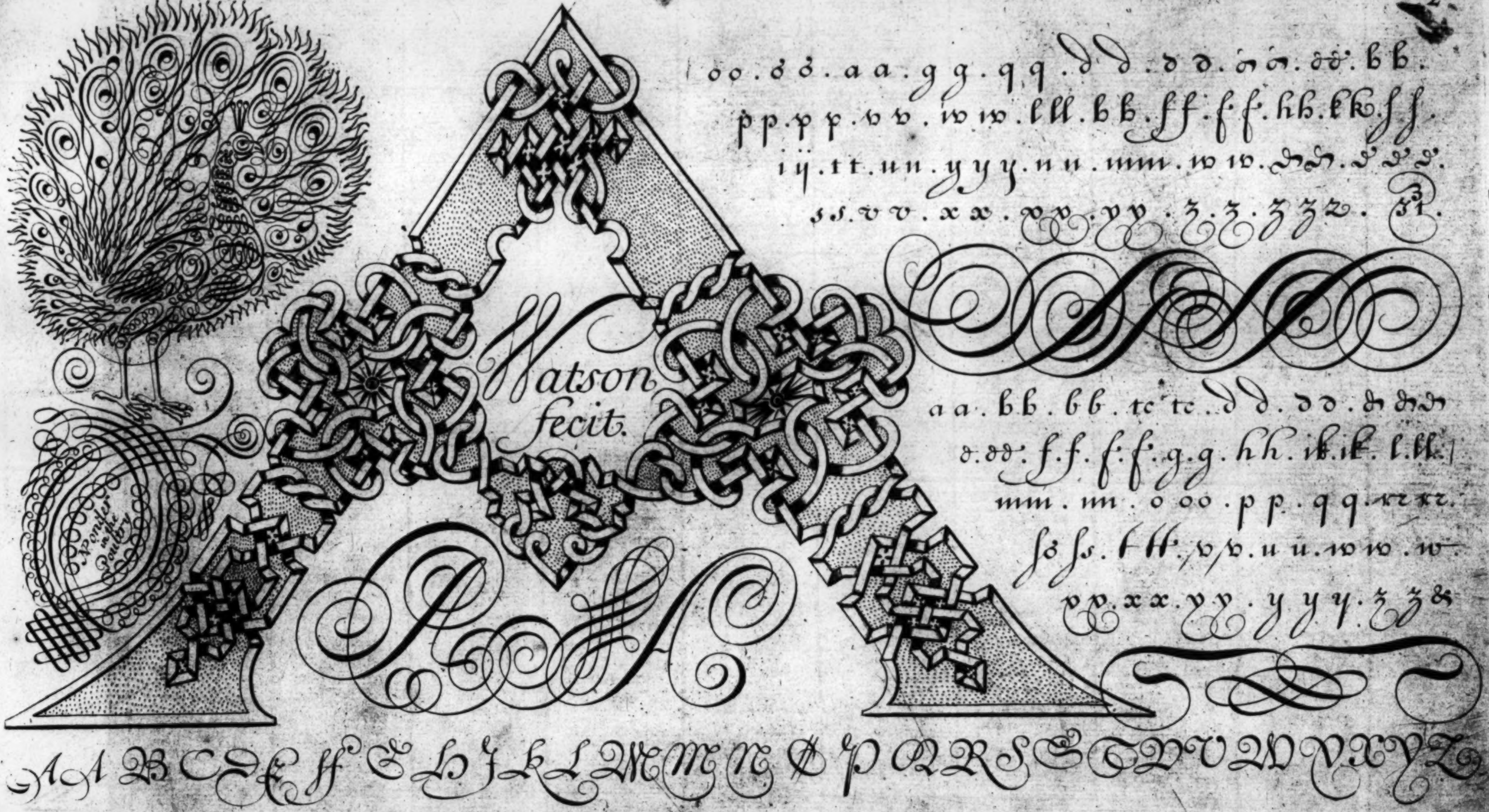
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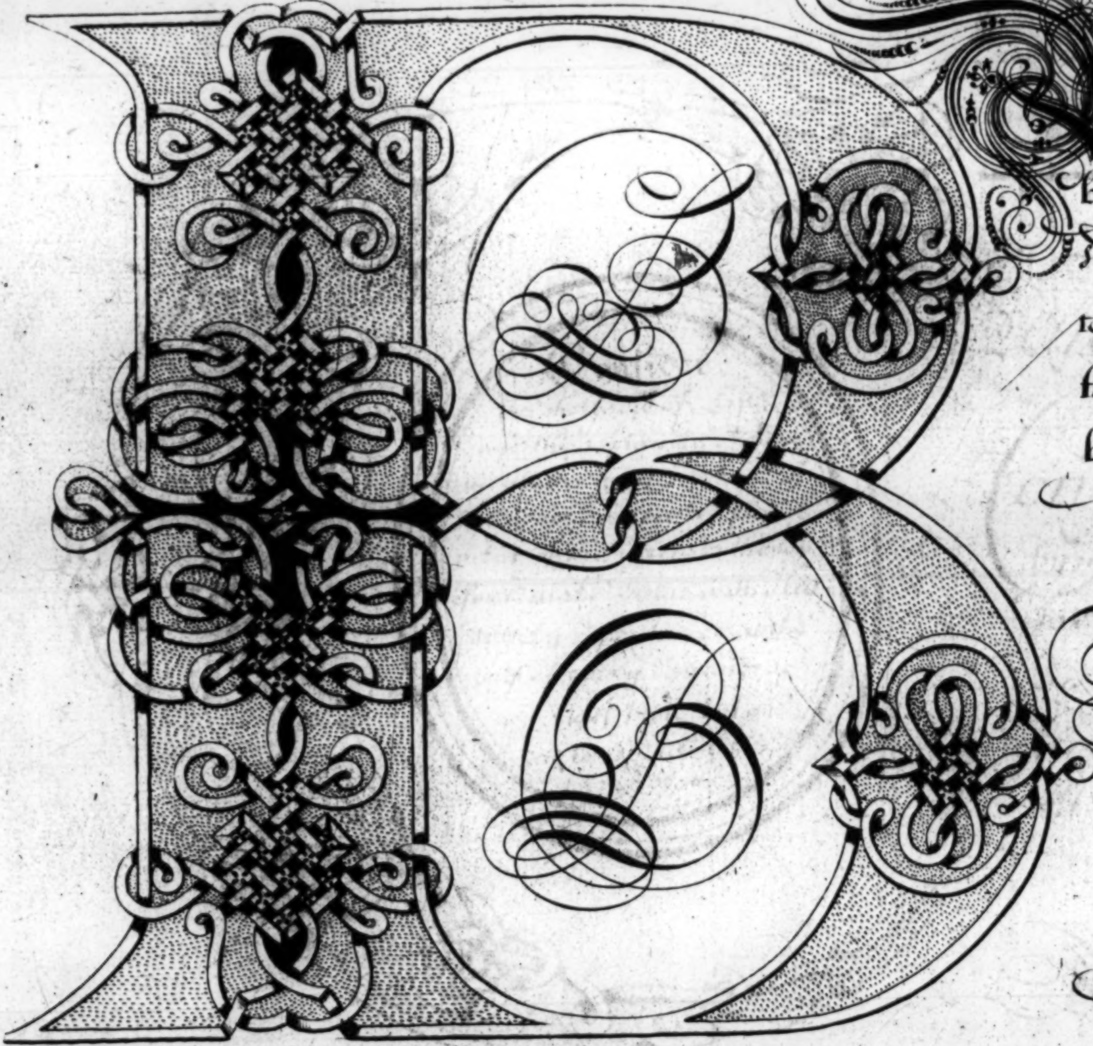

Begin not any thing before good Advisement and mature consideration but when thou hast once begun be carefull speedily to dispatch it; and remember that small faults if not timely prevented in ye beginning will prove great errors in the end

Bee it knowne unto all men by these presents that I Daniel Manwaring of Limmington in the County of Sommerton Yeoman am holden and firmly bound unto Nathanael Hammond Citizen and Ironmonger of London in ye sume of One Thousand Six hundred ninety four pounds

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ompmpmqmrmrmſmsmdmtmumvmwmxmymyz

A B C D E F F G H I K L M M
N N O P Q R S T V W X Y Z

Conſider

the shortneſs of Life;
and the certainty of Judg-
ment; the great reward of
the good, and ſevere puniſh-
ment of the wicked: there-
-fore make even with Hea-
ven by repentance at the
end of every day and so
you shall have but one
day to repent of be-
fore yo: death

Converse only with such Persons

by whome you may best accomplish your Selfe
for Vertue never returnes with so rich a Cargo
as when it sets saile from such Continents;
Company being like severall Climates which
oftentimes changes young Travellers complexi-
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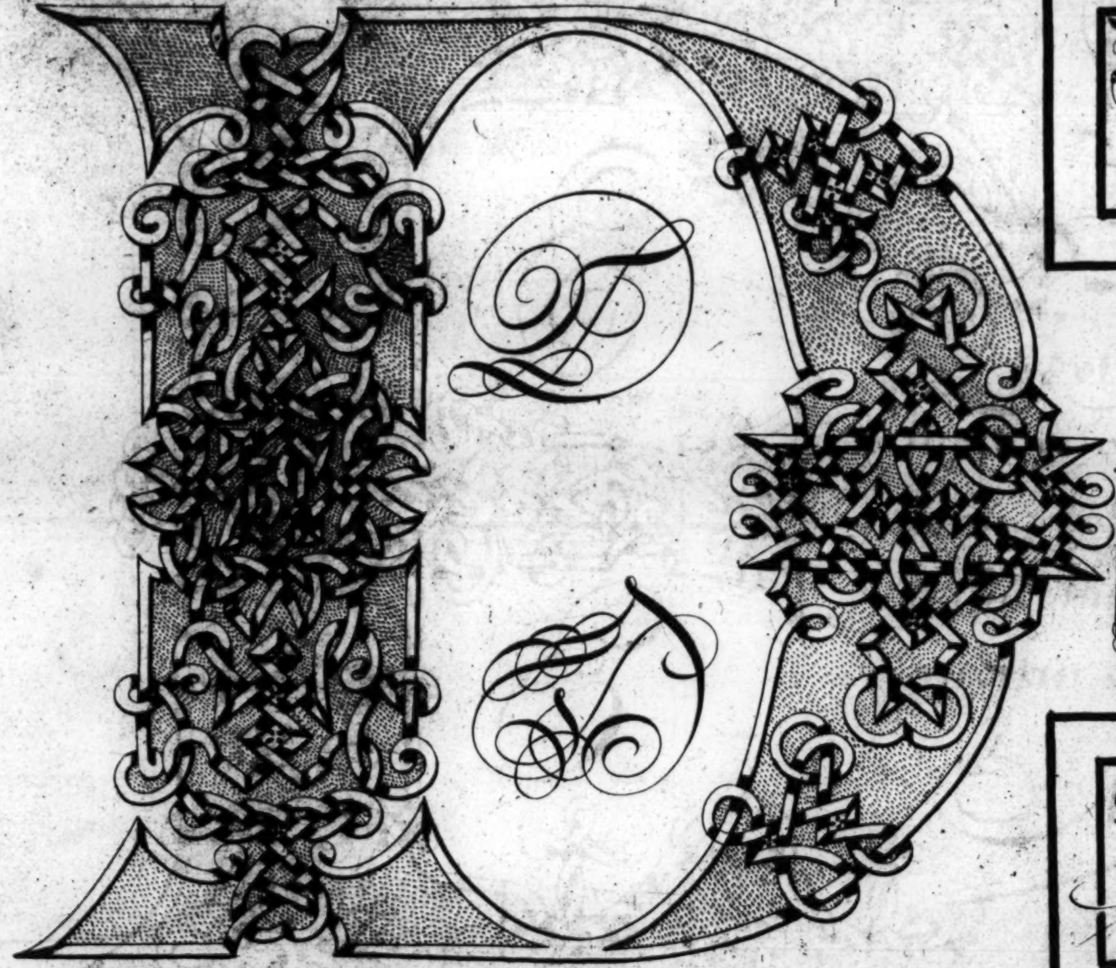

Deus est splendor nunquam deficiens Vita indefessa non moriens, fons semper scaturiens seminale vitæ, seminarium sapientiæ, Principale Principium, initiale Bonitatis initium.

Dissimulation is an evill humour of the Minde contrary to all honestie and humanitie it is a countenance evermore disagreeing from the imagination of ye heart and a most notorious lyer in whatsoever it propoundeth.

Diligence alone is a commendable qualification, and Industry a substantiall durable fortune. Idlenesse is the spawne of Lust, and wastes a man as insensibly as Diligence doth improve him.

A B C D E F G
H I K L M N O P Q
R S T V W X Y Z

Externall ffortunes may befall
moſt unworthy Perſons but a mans
owne ſolid worth is that which will
gaine him true titles of Honour
and an everlaſting ffame.

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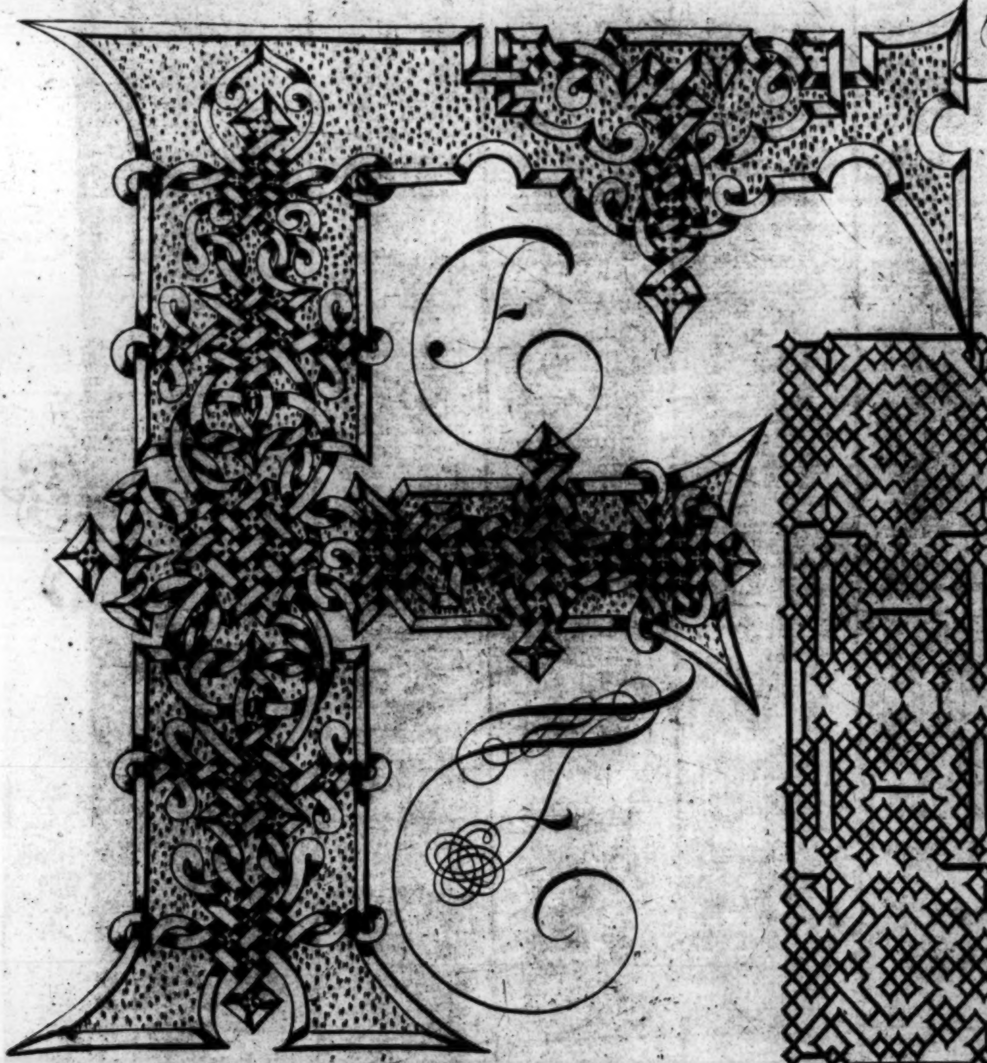

Friendſhip is a ſacred thing and deſerves
our deareſt acknowledgments: a ffriend
is a great comfort in ſolitude, and a moſt
excellent Aſſiſtant in buiſineſs.

Favorinus interrogatus qua ratione
potiſſimum quis aſſequi poſſet ut apud homines
honeſtam haberet ffamam? Si loquatur inquit
quæ ſunt Optima et faciat quæ ſunt honeſtiſ-
ſima Quid dici poterat brevius ac rurſus &
quid abſolutius ſi quidem ſatis parta gloria.

A A A A B B C D D E F G H H I J K L M
M N N O P Q R R S T T V U W X X Y Z.

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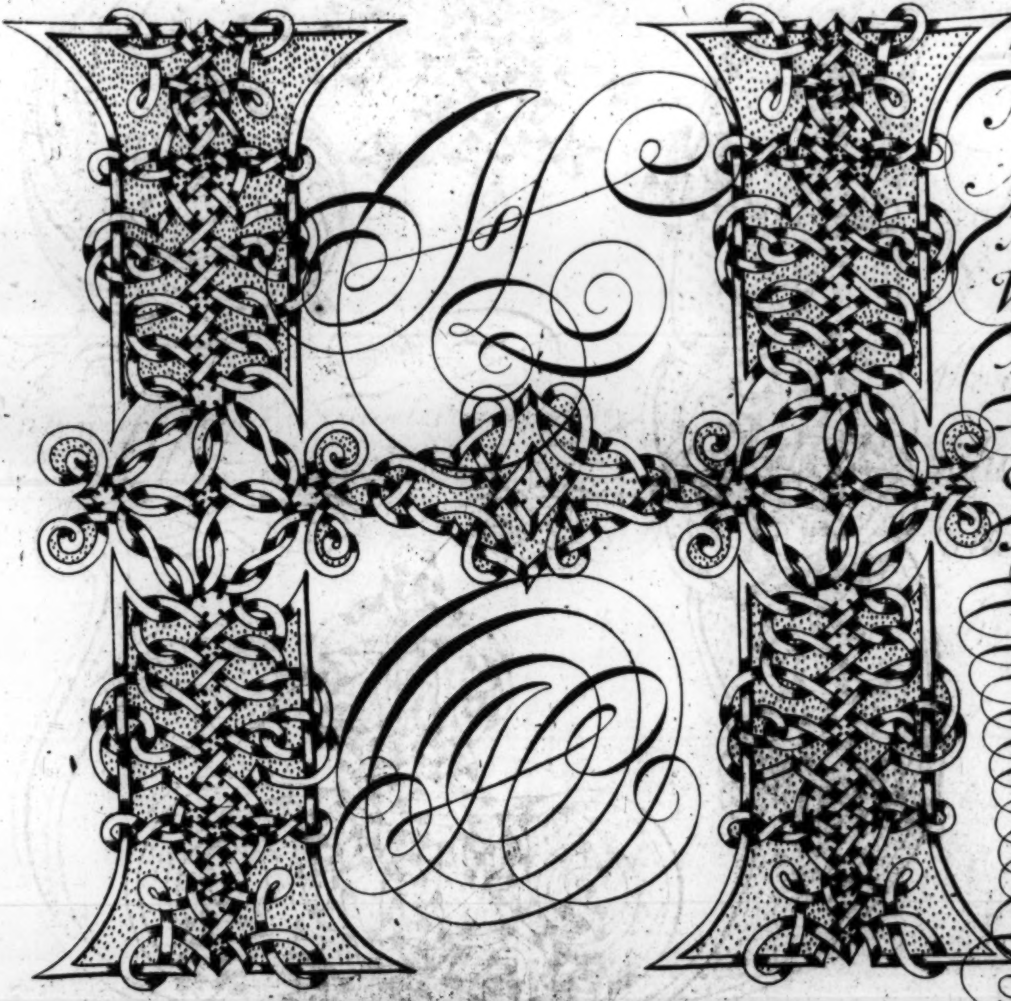
ggghhh iyikkk llll ll mmmnnn
o oo pppp qqq rrr ſs ſs ſs tttt vv
uuu www www w xxx yyy zzz &

God makes the Pen his Herauld to proclaime
The splendid Glories of his Workes and Fame
Heavens sacred Oracles the life of Mens
Immortall Souls by the conserve of Pens
Haue bin from old Times infancy kept pure
And shall to round Eternity indure —



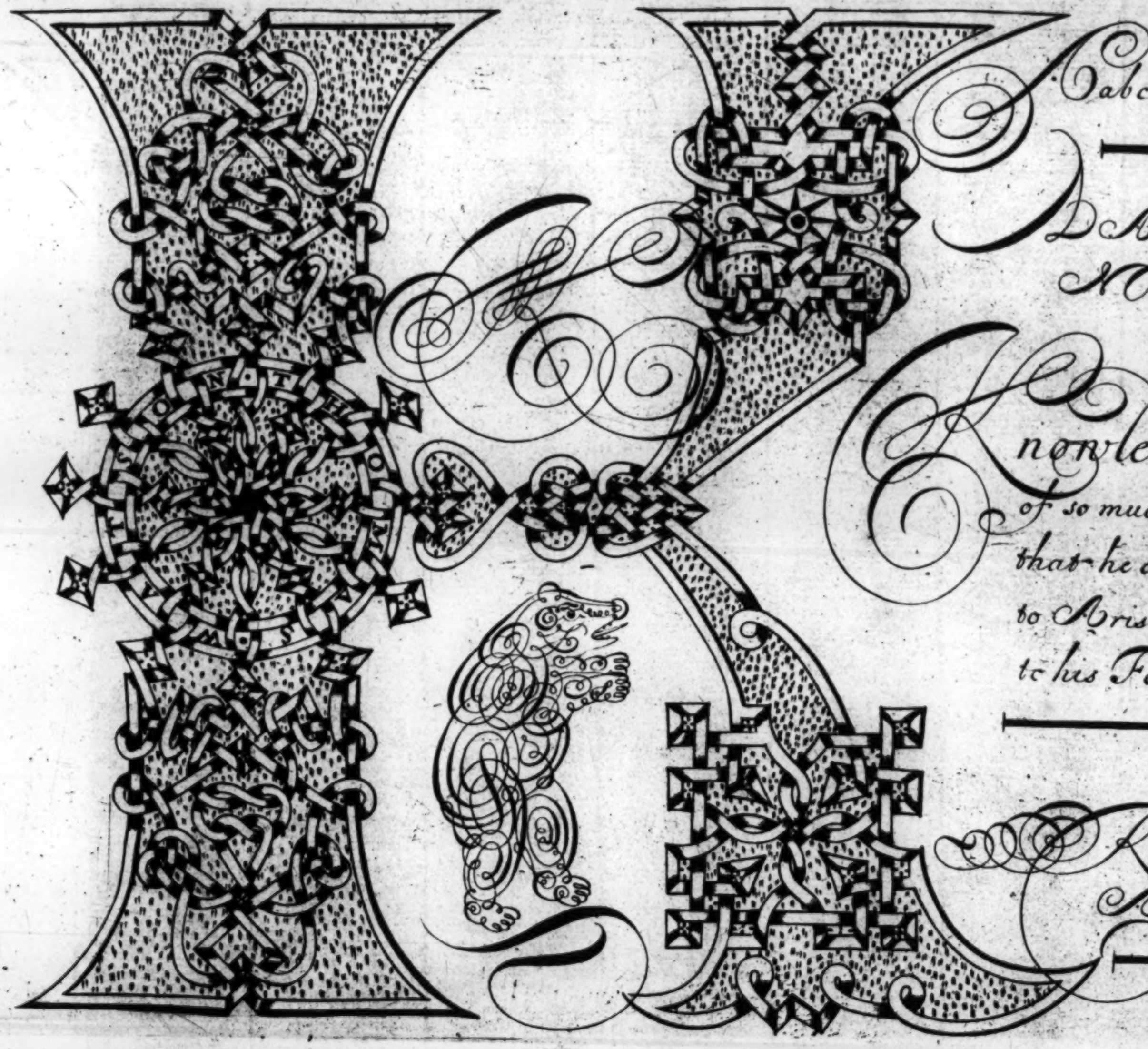
Honours may leave their Owners Riches may
Assume Swift wings and quickly fly away
Pleasure like lightning but Salutes our Eyes
With one bright Flash and then falls Sick & dyes
But Learning and the Knowledge of rare Arts
That Man the moſt enjoyes that moſt imparts
Endeavour therefore that your Breaſt & Brain
The best of Learnings Treasures may retain

Humilitie is a voluntary inclination of the Mind grounded upon a perfect Knowledge of our own Condition A vertue by which a Man in the moſt true consideration of his inward Qualities maketh leaſt Account of himſelf

In times of Prosperity Friends they are plenty
But in Adversity not One among Twenty

It is a memorable passage of Queen Elizabeth whome Bishop Gardiner in her Sisters Reigne designed to put to death being asked the meaning of these words This is my Body whither She thought that was Christ's body or no after a little pauze is reported to haue returned this Answer

Christ was the Word that spake it
He tooke the Bread and brake it
And what the Word did make it
That I belieue and take it



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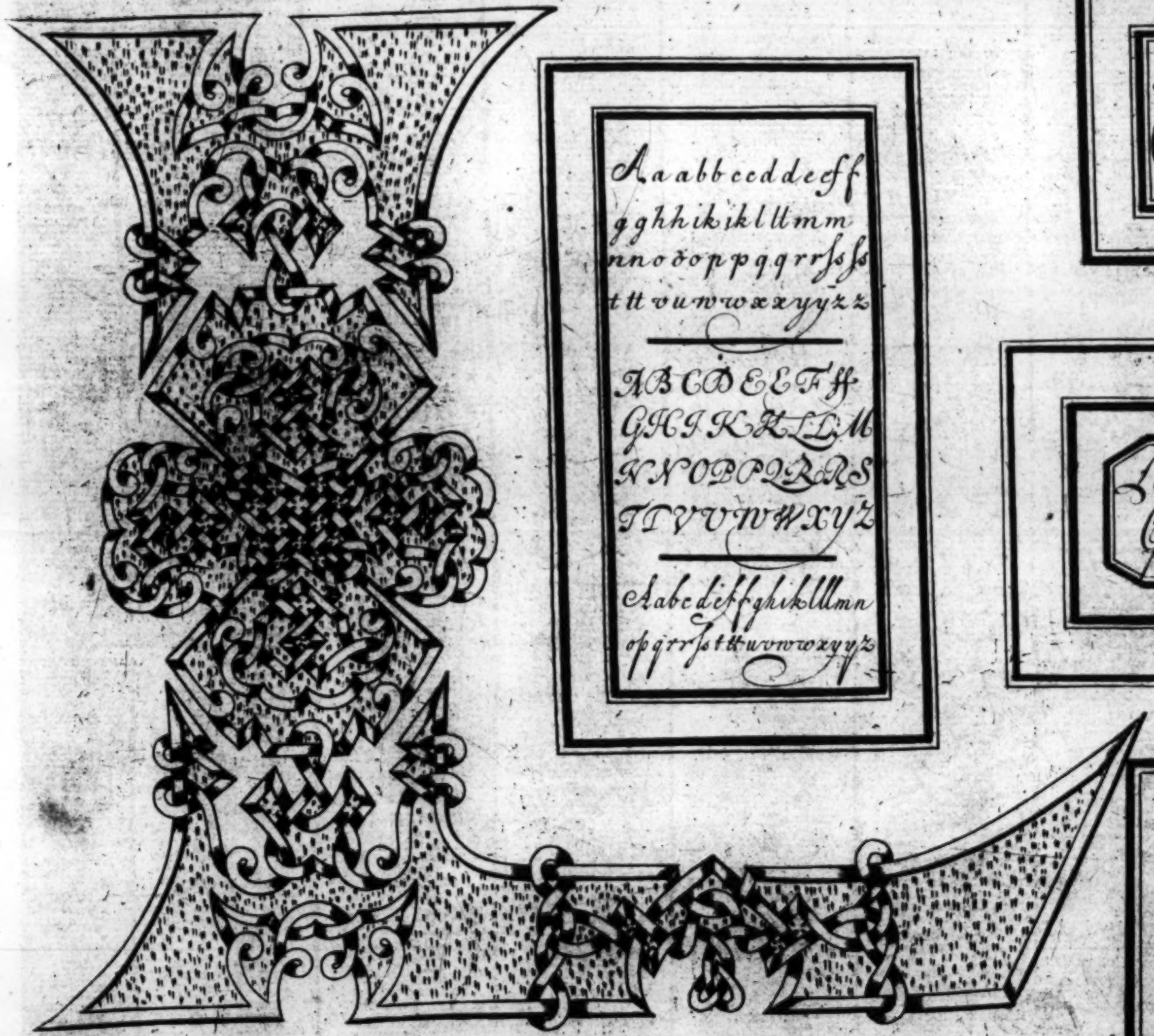
Knowledge and Learning was esteemed
of so much vallue by Alexander the great
that he declared himselfe to be more indebted
to Aristotle for giveing him Learning then
to his Father Phillip for his Life. T. D.

Knowledge imploy'd improves the ingenious mind
And Learnings beames illuminate the blind



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Let it be your Ambition to be wise and your Wisdome to be good Reject Opinion and You are like a Ship rideing at Anchor in a safe Harbour

Learning is the temperance of Youth and the Comfort of old Age standing for wealth to Men in poverty and serving for an Ornament to Riches

Luxuria, est immoderata Carnis Petulantia dulce Venenum, importuna Lues pernitiosa potio quæ humanum Corpus debilitat

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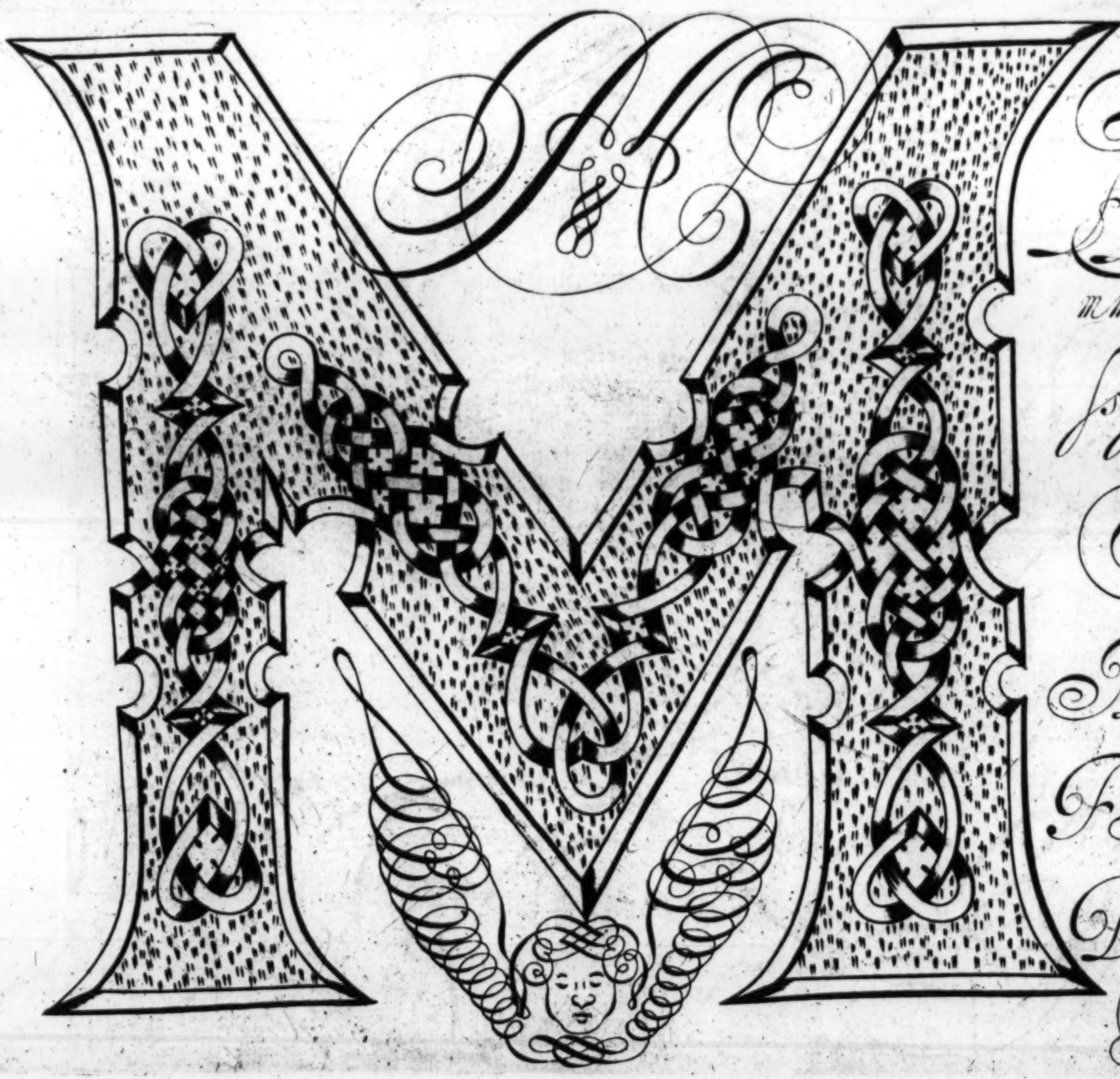

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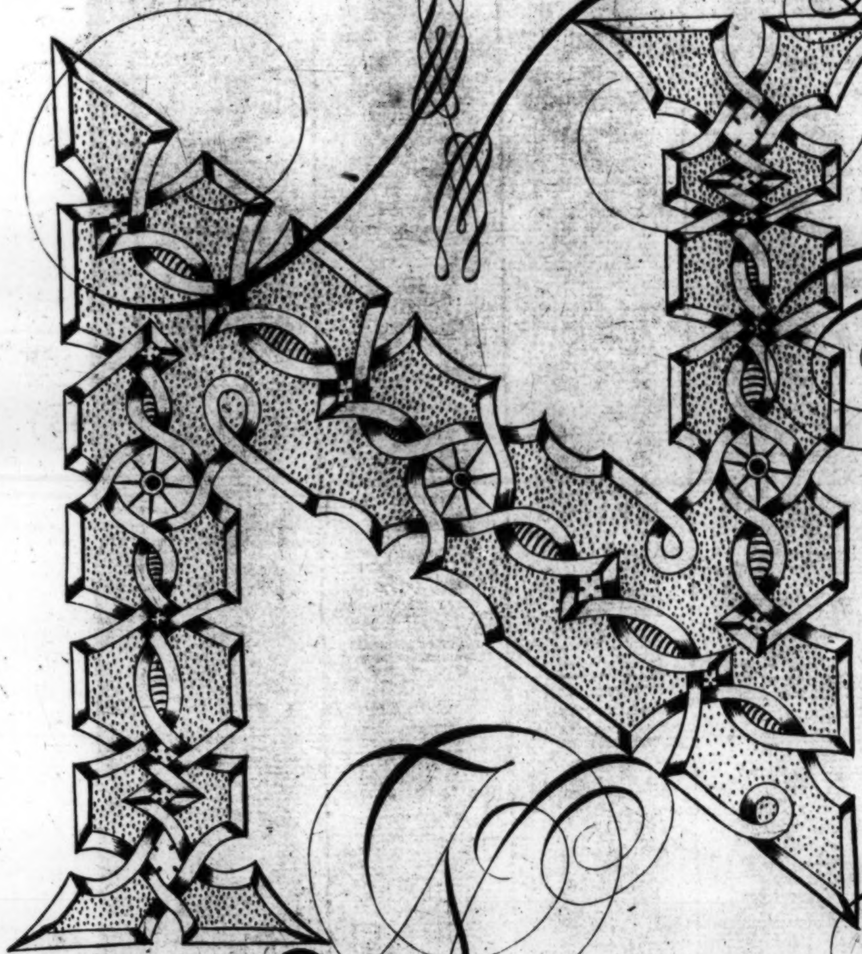

No ſlanting Praiſe nor ſlowr'd Encomiums prize
The moſt deserving are moſt humbly wiſe

Never undertake any baſe or unwarrantable Action. Hate nothing but what is dishoneſt. Feare nothing but what is sordid or ignoble. And love nothing but what is very juſt and honourable.

Now bend your mind fair Writing to attain
Your present pains will prove your future gain

Opportunity
is providentially presented
to every Man which if
not immediatly received
vanishes in a moment The
onely way to raise our for-
tunes is to lay hold on
Time

Opinions guide our paſsions & affections
And all our fancies follow her direction;

Observe those rules & measures
whereby you may beſt preserve your
Reputation if that be once loſt
you are like a Cancelled Writing
of noe use nor vallue

Thy Credit wary keep, tis quickly gone
Being gott by many Actions loſt by one

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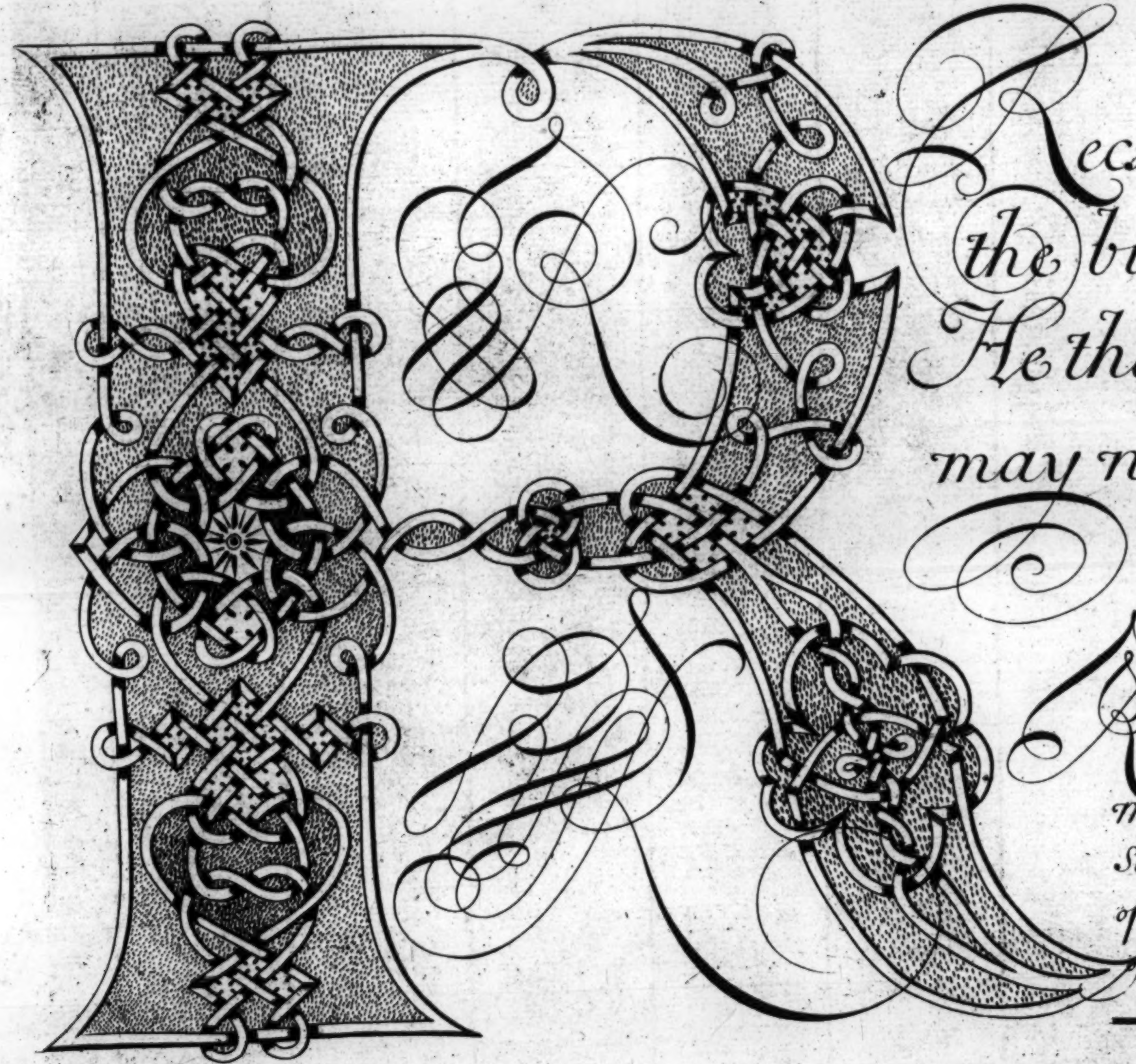
Poverty
is for the moſt part but
a Creature of the Phansie
being Imagined and Feared
where it really is not. For he
is not pooreſt that poſſes-
-seth leaſt but he that
wanteth most.

Quiet the troubles of thy mind,
Diſturb'd by Croſſes, doubts, & fears
With thoughts of heaven wch thou ſhalt find
Will pay for all thy sighs and teares
Tis but a while & ſuffering Saints shal
With glory crown'd to all Eternity.



Reckon your Age from
the birth of your Vertue
He that lives viciously
may write beaſt but not
Man

W Elder sculpsit

Religion is the stay of the Weake, the
Maſter of the Ignorant, the Philosophy of the
Simple, the Oratory of the Devout, the Remedy
of Sinne, the Counsel of the juſt, and the Comfort
of the troubled. Aabcddefſfghiklmnopqrſstuwxyz

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Serve God and keep his Commandements for that is the true Wisdome which will at laſt crowne your Endeavoures with Eternall Happineſs

The Rich Man lives happily so long as he useth his Riches temperately And the poor man who patienly endureth his want is Rich enough

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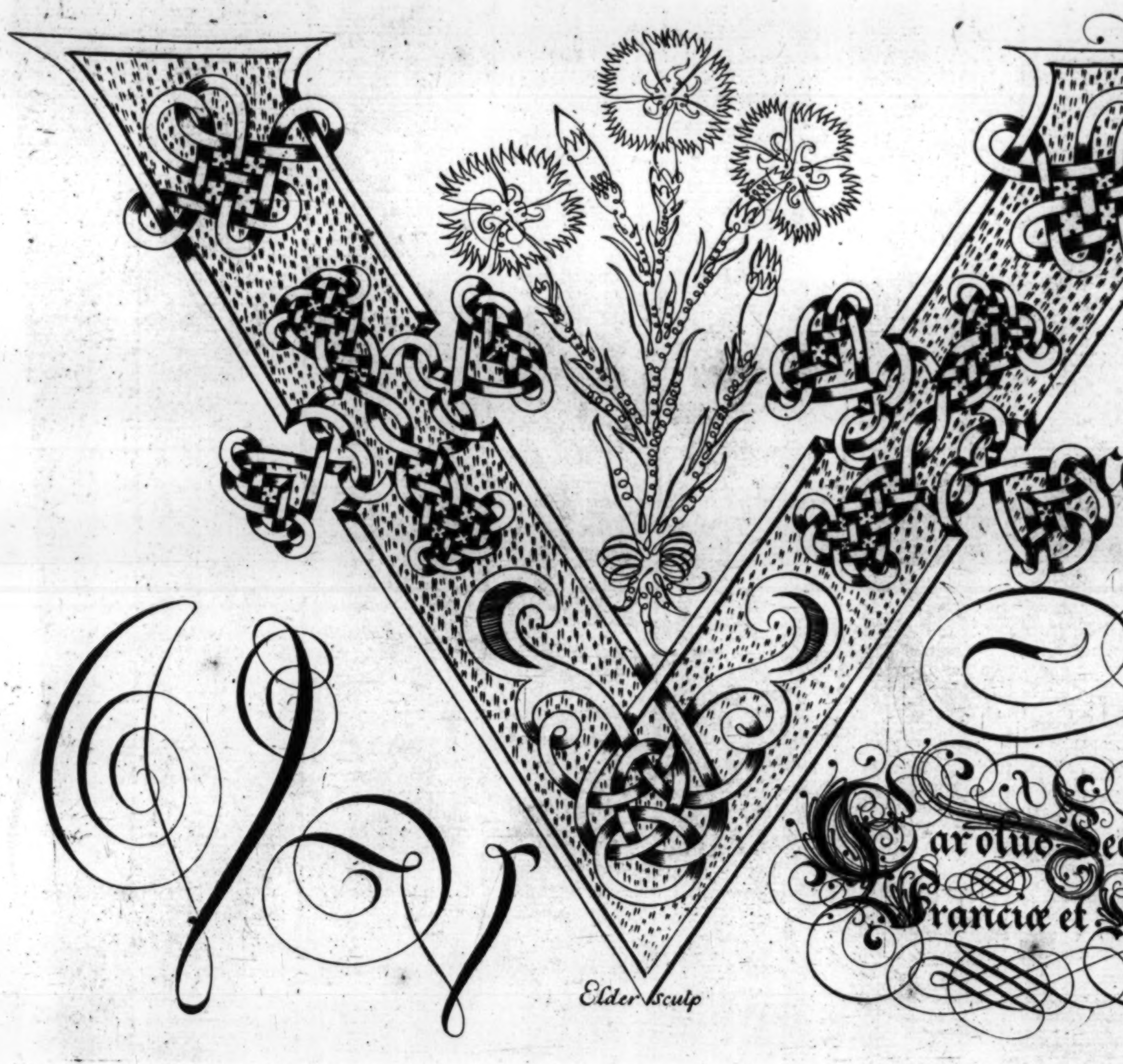
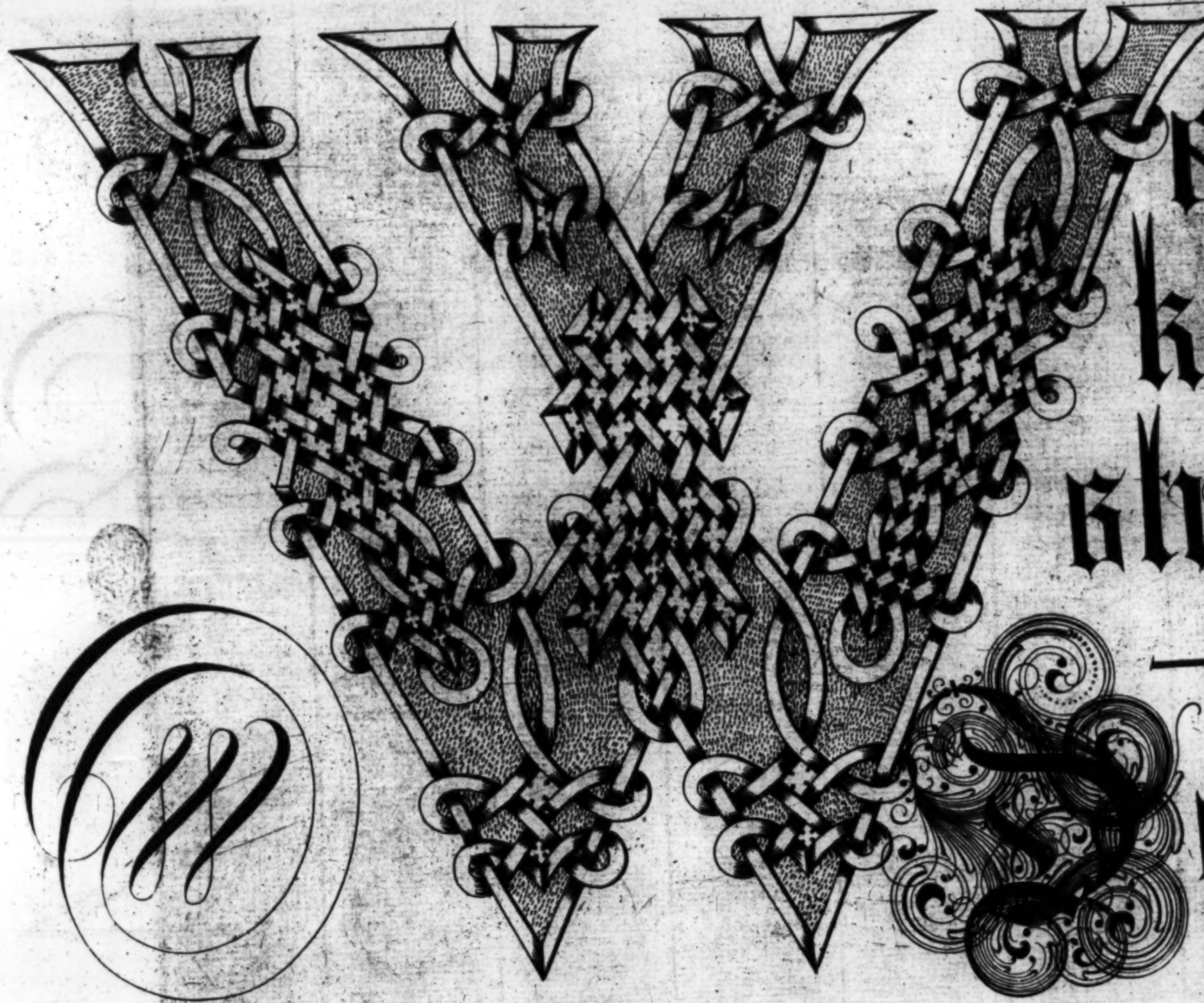


Elder sculp

Vertue is yͤ queen
of labourers opinion
the miſtreſs of fools and
contention the overthrow
of families

Carolus Secundus Dei Gratia Angliæ Scotiæ
Franciæ et Hiberniæ Rex Fidei Defensor &c



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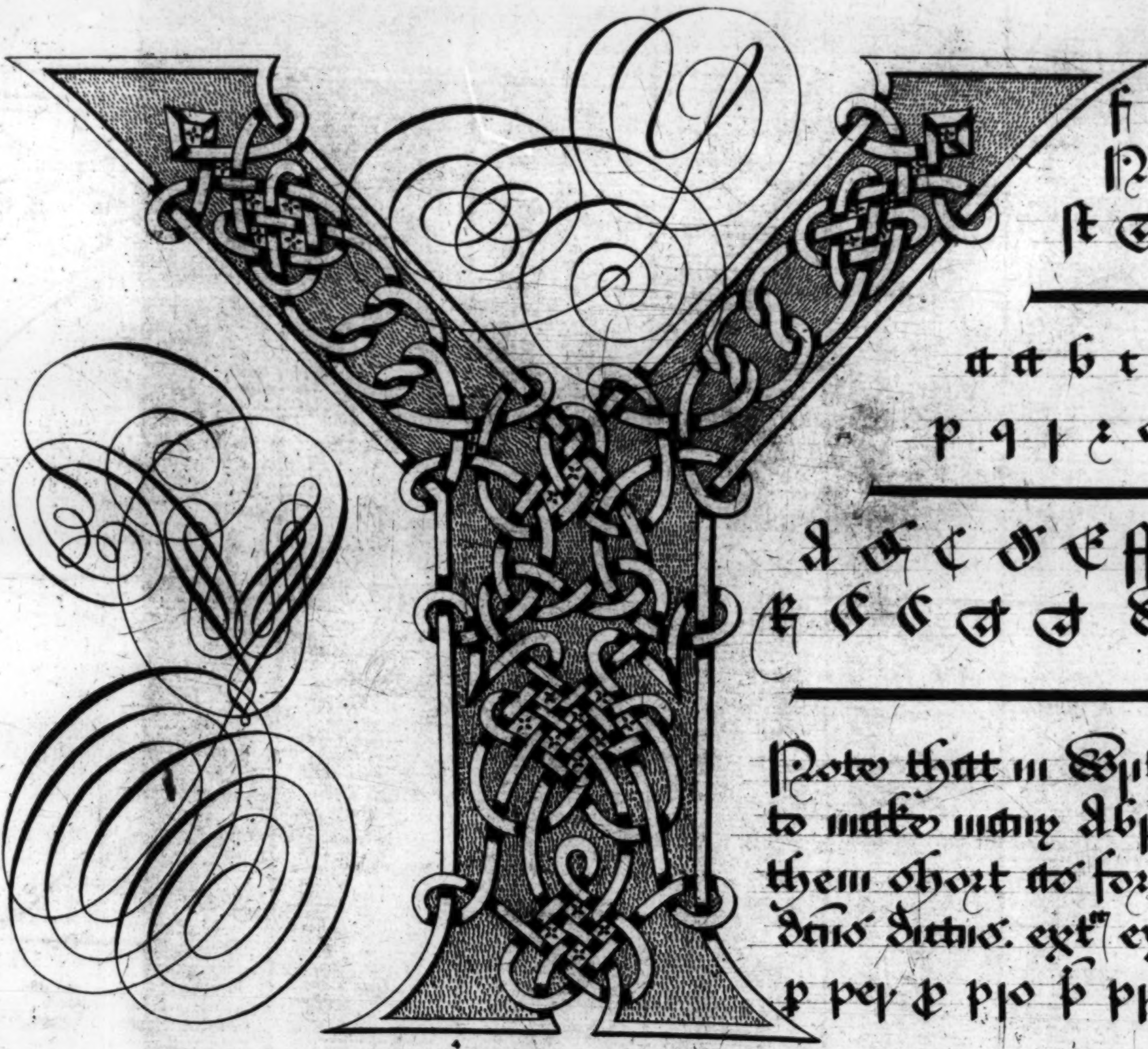

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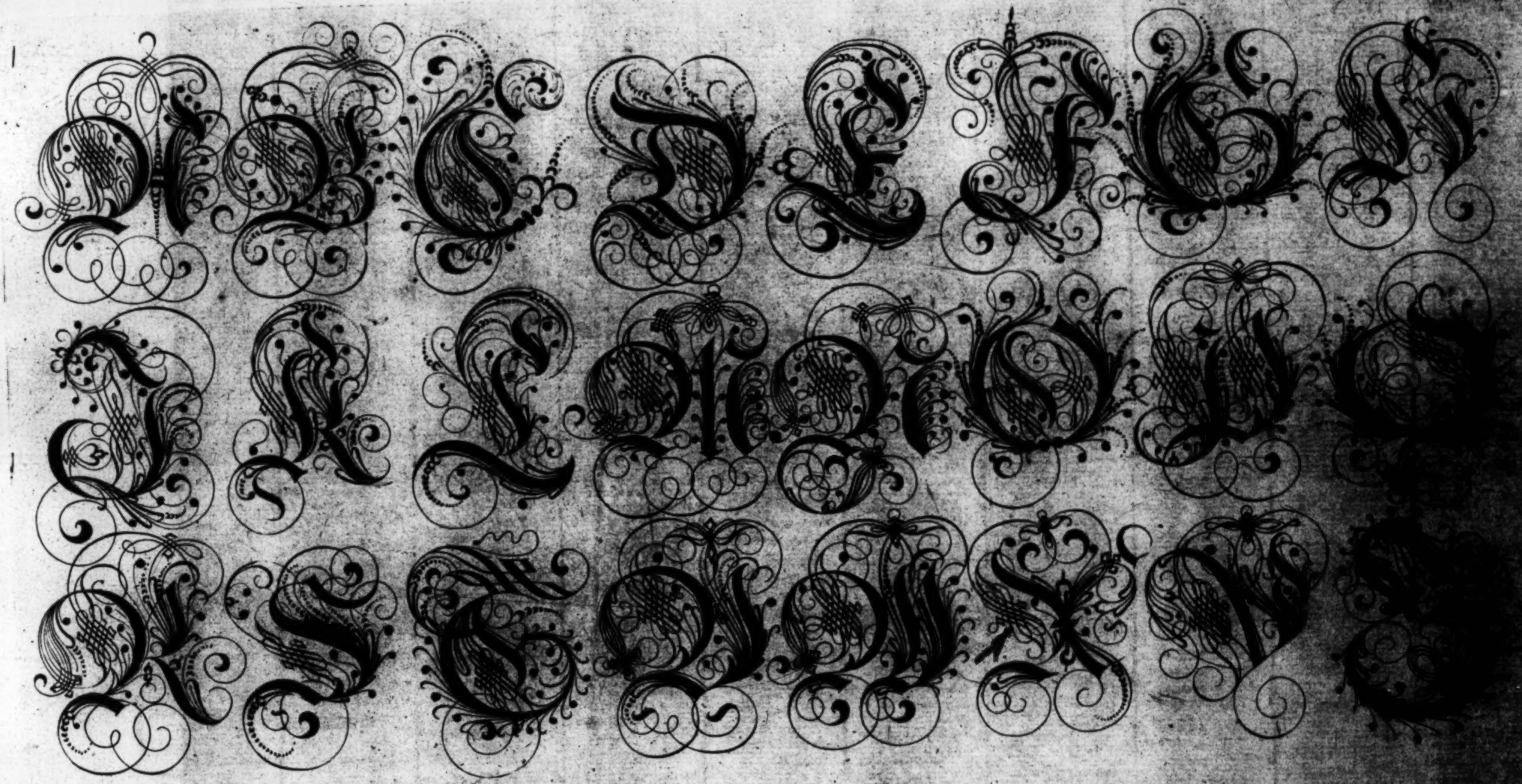

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We need not here set Owles and Apes,
Nor end our Book with frightfull Shapes,
Only to play an after Game.
Perhaps some may by viewing these,
Turn back to what is past, and please
To try if they can do the same.

Elder sculp.